

(d) whether such machines have been installed at GPO, Bangalore; and

(e) if not, when these are likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Nil.

(b) The draft 8th Five Year Plan envisages installation of six such machines out of which two are slated for the year 1992-93. Orders are one such machine, to be installed at Bombay, were placed last year, which is also materialising this year.

(c) Nil.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Bangalore has been projected as one of the metro cities for installation of mechanised sorting machine in the Department's 8th Plan proposals.

[Translation]

#### **Investment by NRIs for development of Tourism**

\*670. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from non-resident Indians/institutions has been received by the Union Government for allowing investment for development of tourism in Kumaon region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any scheme under consideration to attract more non-resident Indians for the development of tourism in this region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO

SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No specific proposals have been received in the Ministry of Tourism from Non-Resident Indians for allowing investment for development of tourism in Kumaon region of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d). With a view to attract foreign investment in the country, Non Resident Indians and Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCB's) predominantly owned by Non Resident Indians are permitted to invest up to 100% in hotels and tourism related industry with full benefits of repatriation of the capital invested and income accruing thereon. Automatic approvals are available for such investment with in specified parameters.

[English]

#### **Super Thermal Power Projects**

\*671. SHRIMATA RITA VERMA:  
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H.  
TOPIWALA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up super thermal power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of each of the project; and

(d) the time by which each of these projects is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The details of the proposals cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for setting up Super Thermal Power Projects to be executed by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in the Central Sector are as follows:-